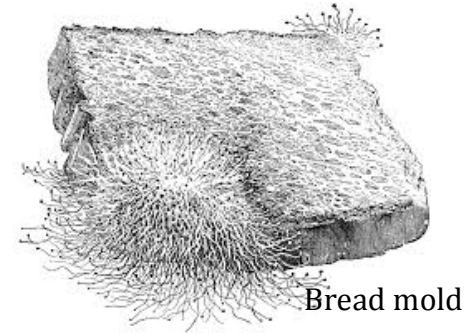


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There are no such things as molds. All molds are actually **fungi** (a bunch of fungus). This surprised me when I first learned about it. I had always heard about mold in the shower or mold on the bread. Mold is actually a type of fungus.



While yeasts are single celled fungi, molds are multicellular fungi. All of the cells in a fungus have a nucleus. Fungi cells also have cell walls. Fungi cell walls are different from plant cell walls. Fungi cell walls are made of chitin, not cellulose.

Bread takes one kind of fungus (yeast) to make it rise. If you leave the bread out, another type of fungus comes in (bread mold) to break it down. It's not amazing, but it's true!

Circle or Highlight the word or words that best complete each sentence

1. People use single-celled organisms called yeast / bacteria to make bread.
2. Mold is one kind of fungus / algae.
3. Fungus do have / do not have a nucleus in their cells.
4. Fungus cells do have / do not have a cell wall.

